

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2006
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Lance Allison, Robert Billington, Doris Parham, Dan Miller, Pete Lancaster, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Pat Scott, Jason Pittman, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: Rita Henley.

Staff Present: J. L. Barnett, Don Leet, Don Elias, Ken Claud, Philip Morris, Candace Dowdy, Matt Mattingly, Don Rogers, Thomas Clendenen, Michael Skinner, Gail Mullins, Terry Laster, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held June 8, 2006, were presented for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing welcomed Keith Bailey, CEO for the Murray Calloway County Hospital. Mr. Bailey provided the council with a handout which provided a brief overview (attached) of the information that would be covered at the annual meeting June 29, 2006. Mr. Bailey stated the purpose of the annual meeting was to gain support for the hospital moving ahead and building a major addition to the institution. He stated that he is asking for the support of the council for the hospital to borrow up to 30 million dollars to finance the project.

Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Massey to approve the recommendation for the Murray Calloway County Hospital to develop plans to design, finance and build an addition to the hospital to address identified needs and to issue up to \$30 million in new debt. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Lance Allison, Dan Miller, Robert Billington, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Pat Scott, Doris Parham, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

Mayor Rushing recognized Mae Flint, Director of Tourism Commission, and asked her to provide a presentation for the Tourism's budget for the FY 06-07. Attached is a copy of the presentation.

The operating budget is funded by the 3% transient room tax. Room tax increased \$10,000. There is a proposed change under personnel costs. It will be an intern who is

employed year round instead of just part-time. This would allow the Tourism Commission to have assistance during the other festivals.

Mr. Pittman asked if there was a possibility of including the county hotels for the room tax. Ms. Flint stated that the Commission is preparing a campaign to let the county know what they are doing for them and what they can do for them. The state gives the Tourism Commission matching funds for advertising.

The next portion of the budget is the 1% transient room tax that is collected. Ms. Flint is requesting that a full time convention events coordinator be funded out of the 1% tax.

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Parham to approve the Murray Tourism Commission FY 06-07 budget. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Lance Allison, Dan Miller, Robert Billington, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Pat Scott, Doris Parham, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the FY 06-07 budget for the Murray Tourism Commission approved.

Ordinance Number 2006-1414 an Ordinance amending Chapter 70, General Provisions, of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances to create a new section regarding public noise control to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Murray, Kentucky, was presented to the council on a second reading. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Massey** to adopt said ordinance. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Lance Allison, Robert Billington, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Pat Scott, Doris Parham, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: Dan Miller.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2006-1414 adopted on the second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 6, Page _____.

Municipal Order 008-2006 reappointment of Robert Etherton to the Electric Plant Board for a four year term to expire June 30, 2010 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 009-2006 reappointment of Nelson Shroat to the Murray Calloway County Housing Authority for a four year term to expire June 20, 2010 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 010-2006 reappointment of Joan Capo the Murray Tourism Commission for a three year term to expire June 30, 2009 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 011-2006 reappointment of Anne Adams to the Murray Tourism Commission for a three year term to expire June 30, 2009 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Resolution Number 2006-007 a Resolution adopting the Jackson Purchase Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Allison** to approve same.

Mr. Elias stated that FEMA required that every county across the nation adopt a hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for any FEMA funding. The area development districts were chosen to prepare those plans for each of the counties.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Resolution Number 2007-008 a Resolution to submit a pre-application to the Department of Local Government for funding assistance for Murray Calloway County Park was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Ms. Parham** to approve said resolution.

Mr. Elias stated the Park met to discuss the resolution and there has been an offer to donate approximately 27 acres to the Park located on Wiswell Road. The Park wants to apply for funds from the State for up to \$75,000 to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to make some improvements and is a 50/50 program.

With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Dan Miller, Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Dr. Miller stated that the escrow account that is used to pay claims has been slowly dwindling over a period of years and has been fairly stable over the

last 12 months to the lowest point it has been in some time. He stated that there appears there may be a need to increase the family rate premium. He stated that the amount of the increase has not been able to be determined; however, it will probably be between 5 to 7%. The committee will meet again in October to look at some additional numbers. The rate increase will become effective January 1, 2007.

Mayor Rushing recognized Lance Allison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Allison stated that the committee met to review and discuss the following bids for concrete:

ITEM	FEDERAL	FITTS	FITTS ALTERNATE	PREVIOUS BID
CONCRETE - 6 BAG MIX	\$77.67 and \$152.57 less than 4 yards	\$75.00 and \$130.00 less than 2 yards	\$95.00	\$74.00
CONCRETE - 5 1/2 BAG MIX	\$75.78 and \$150.78 less than 4 yards	\$72.00 and \$127.00 less than 2 yards	\$90.00	\$71.00
CLASS M HIGHWAY MIX	\$129.80 and \$204.80 less than 4 yards	\$110.00 and \$165.00 less than 2 yards	\$115.00	\$100.00

Mr. Allison moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee, to accept the alternative bid of Fitts Block in the amount \$95 for concrete – 6 bag mix; \$90 for 5½ bag mix; and \$115 for class M highway mix. **Dr. Miller seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Seargent asked if the ordinance setting regularly scheduled council meetings could be reviewed to determine if it needs to be amended to address holidays.

Ms. Parham stated the Human Rights Commission was awarded a \$1200 grant. She further stated that Summer in the Park has started and will continue until the end of July.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Terry Laster, Assistant City Clerk